

WHEREAS; direct support professionals, or DSPs, are the primary providers of community-based long-term support services for thousands of Wisconsinites with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; often tasked with assisting folks with their most personal needs, DSPs work tirelessly to build trusted and respectful relationships with the individuals for whom they serve; and

WHEREAS; DSPs provide essential support to individuals with disabilities, helping them stay connected to their family, friends, coworkers, and communities and empowering them to live their most independent and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; DSPs are trained to provide a broad range of individualized support services and are committed to supporting informed choices and person-centered practices that honor and respect the individuals in their care; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is committed to training, employing, and retaining DSPs, and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has worked in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay to create a Certified Direct Care Professionals program to train, certify, and register new DSPs, creating a more robust and prepared workforce across the state; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends all DSPs for the instrumental role they play in supporting and ensuring the safety, independence, and well-being of individuals with disabilities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 10 through 16 2023 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

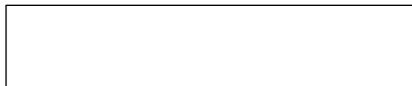
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of September 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State